

TOWNSEND WON FARMERS' FIGHT

IN MASTERFUL SPEECH SECURED ADOPTION OF CAPPER-VOLSTEAD CO-OPERATIVE SELLING LAW.

HOPE GONE WHEN HE BUCKED INTERESTS; SAVED MEASURE

Milo D. Campbell Gives Credit to Senior Senator for Work in Farmers' Behalf.

By MILO D. CAMPBELL, Of Coldwater, Mich., President of the National Milk Producers' Association.

While Senator Charles E. Townsend has done much for the farmers of Michigan and throughout the nation, by his efforts in securing improved national highways, thereby increasing the value of their property millions of dollars and bringing them closer to their markets, I want to particularly refer here to the gallant, successful fight he waged for the Capper-Volstead bill granting to agriculturists the right to co-operative selling of their products.

When we began the fight for this bill we found that the middleman and the great financial interests of the country were flatly against us and on the slightest pretext they seized upon the Sherman law and the Clayton act to crush our dream of economic independence.

For four years we sought to secure from congress a law giving us relief from the obstruction of these interests and their hired men to our struggle for freedom. We would get the joint-marketing bill through the House only to find it eventually defeated or pigeonholed in the Senate.

Townsend Volunteers. About a year ago we secured the passage through the House of the so-called Capper-Volstead bill, after it had been reported favorably by the Agricultural Committee. The bill went to the Senate and was referred to the Judiciary Committee over our protest. Eventually the Committee unanimously rejected the House bill and substituted a new bill which was ten times more oppressive to the farmers than even the Sherman or Clayton acts.

Among the very first to volunteer to fight in the farmers' behalf was Senator Townsend. The bill came on for a hearing on the 7th, 8th and 9th of February of this year. Amendments, jokers and every device known to legislation were employed in an endeavor to kill our measure which was offered as a substitute for the report of the Committee.

The vote on one of the amendments was very close and our fate seemed hanging in the balance, when Senator Townsend arose at an opportune moment and in a masterful and convincing speech, with the fervor of a true friend, pleaded our cause with such eloquence that when the final vote was taken there was but a single ballot against it. The victory was nothing short of a personal triumph for Senator Townsend.

When the President approved the bill and attached his signature to it at the White House there was a scene seldom witnessed. Representatives of farm organizations from all over the country were there as well as Senators and Representatives who had been loyal to the farmers. Moving picture concerns pictured the scene which marked the freedom of the farmer from the control of the Big Interests.

Worked for \$300 A Year. If Senator Townsend had never rendered another service to agriculture than this, he certainly earned the life long gratitude of every farmer in the country by his valor and successful effort in behalf of this bill.

Senator Townsend has stood Four-Square for the farmer at all times and has never forgotten his boyhood environment. When he was 21 years old he worked on a farm for one year for \$300 and was considered to be the best hired man in Jackson County. From the farmers' standpoint he is a "good hand on the farm" now and a sensible farmer never discharges a good hand.

In these words Senator Capper, known throughout the nation as a sterling champion of the farmers' interests, pays tribute to the Senator: "Senator Townsend understands thoroughly the needs of the agricultural sections of the country and has given valuable support to the various measures designed to restore agricultural prosperity. I regard him as one of the most influential and useful members of the Senate. Three of the most important bills passed in the farmers' interest are the Co-operative Marketing Bill, the Farm Loan Bank Bill and the Bill to continue the War Finance Corporation. His influence was invaluable in securing their passage."

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Farm Loan Banks Aiding the Farmer

The Democratic party has launched a campaign of criticism of the farm loan banks. It is being alleged by Democratic newspapers and Democratic speakers that since the Republican administration came into power the farm loan banks have not been of much assistance to the farmer.

The mystery of such a campaign is not the motive, which undoubtedly is a part of the general plan of misrepresentation in an effort to discredit the Republican administration. The mystery is how the Democrats expect to "put it over." The record of the federal loan banks kept from month to month completely refutes the charge that since the Republicans came into power the farmers have not been able to get any service from the farm loan banks.

The farm loan banks began to function in 1917. The first joint stock land bank charter was taken out April 24, 1917, in Sioux City, Iowa, to operate in the states of Iowa and South Dakota. Between that time and February 28, 1921, which marked the close of the Wilson administration, a period lacking less than two months of being four years, the federal land banks made a total of 131,581 loans, involving the aggregate amount of \$369,891,890. Between February 28, 1921, and June 30, 1921, during all of which time the Republican party was in power, the federal land banks made 63,109 loans, involving the aggregate sum of \$205,999,199.

In other words, in one year under Republican administration the federal land banks made 48 per cent as many loans as they did during the entire four years under Democratic administration and they loaned 15 per cent as much money in one year of Republican administration as they did in four years of the Wilson administration.

The joint stock land banks between April, 1917, and February 28, 1921, made 8,336 loans, aggregating \$81,034,521. During the period between February 28, 1921, and June 30, 1922, the joint stock land banks made 5,793 loans, aggregating \$58,244,093. This shows that the joint stock land banks in one year under Republican administration made 69 per cent as many loans as it did during the entire four years under the Wilson administration and loaned 72 per cent as much money in one year under Republican administration as it did in the entire four years under the Democratic administration.

These two forms of loans are the only loans made under the federal land bank system and they completely prove the falsity of the Democratic propaganda that is now going around to the effect that under the Republican administration the farm loan banks have not been of any assistance to the farmer as compared with their efficiency under Democratic administration.

GOOD SUPPORT CLAIMED

William M. Smith looks like a winner in the congressional race. The Farm Bureau News of Saginaw County commends his candidacy. His nomination advocated by William M. Smith for Congress Clubs organized in five of the six counties of the district, by more than twenty newspapers, Farm Bureaus, Granges, Farmers' Clubs, Women's Clubs and many other like organizations.

If the voters of the counties of Shiawassee, Clinton, Ionia, Gratiot and Montcalm go to the primary and vote next Tuesday, it would appear to be very likely that the nominee for Congress in this district will be William M. Smith of St. Johns.

The latest paper to come out in his support is the Farm Bureau News of Saginaw County, the home of his leading opponent. The Farm Bureau News of Saginaw County is a publication sent each month to all farm bureau members in Saginaw county. In the September issue which has just been sent out, it endorses William M. Smith for Congress strongly. It thus appears that in addition to the strong support Mr. Smith is receiving in the five counties of Shiawassee, Gratiot, Clinton, Ionia and Montcalm, he will receive much support from farm bureau members and farmers generally in the agricultural portion of Saginaw county.

The five smaller counties of the district have let the city of Saginaw furnish the Congressman for more than forty years and they now appear to be determined to have something to say themselves. The Saginaw County Farm Bureau News in its article states that the agricultural portions of the district have pretty generally united upon William M. Smith of St. Johns. It thus appears that a considerable portion of Saginaw County will aid in Mr. Smith's nomination.

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SUMNER

Mrs. Sherman and children who have been spending several weeks at the home of her parents returned home Monday.

Arthur Forquer was in Saginaw on business the first of the week. Will Schlappi and family were guests of their son, Lee and family near Ithaca, Sunday.

Austin Lang and Bert Mangus attended the Ithaca fair Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Hildreth and two daughters of St. Louis were guests at the Smead home Sunday.

Chas. Davis and family entertained two nieces from Ithaca over the week end.

Mrs. Cleve Hawkins and son and grand father, Mr. Morey, returned to Chicago, Monday after having spent the summer months with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Evey have gone to house-keeping in the house recently vacated by Mrs. Manely. Samuel Cleverdon and son, Adelle, spent several days last week on the Northern lakes fishing.

Edwin Smead is quite ill at his home north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lang and grand son returned Sunday from their trip to the Upper Peninsula.

Miss Mildred Hawey went to St. Louis, Sunday to stay a few days with her sister, Mrs. Austin Cherry, who is quite ill.

Mrs. F. E. McClenathan and son, Howard, and Mrs. Rose DuVall and children were in Lansing on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Pease are entertaining relatives from Ohio.

Melvin McClenathan has gone to Lansing where he has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker are entertaining Mrs. Parker's father, mother and brother from Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Monks and Mr. Maxwell of Saranac visited relatives and friends here last week.

Mrs. Arnold Worden of Grand Rapids is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. I. F. Tucker.

Little Carl Kirker, while riding with his aunt, Mrs. Ruth Kirker, had the misfortune to get his foot caught between the spokes in the buggy wheel breaking his leg near the hip. He was taken at once to Dr. Carney's hospital where the bone was set and at last report he was resting comfortably.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Perry visited their daughter and family in Lansing last week.

Mrs. Fred Cook and son, Kendal, are visiting relatives in Bay City.

John Spencer was a Lansing business caller Thursday.

Bert Booth of North Star visited relatives here last week.

John Robson of Alma was in town the first of the week.

Miss Rose Spencer has returned to Lansing where she will attend school this year.

School opened here Tuesday with Mr. Bolinger of Carson City as Principal and Miss Mina Hickerson has charge of the Primary room.

Rolla Laue and family were entertained at the home of her grand father, H. H. Clow, Sunday.

F. J. Tucker and wife of Alma visited the home folks Sunday.

Clifton Ray is working in Ithaca. Sherd Hammon and son, Floyd, of Belding and Gene Hammon of Crystal were Sunday visitors here.

Will Schlappi was a business caller in Ithaca, Saturday.

Miss Velma Schlappi of Ionia was a guest of her parents over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Forquer were guests of their daughter in North Star, Thursday.

Chas. Hicks and family of Stanton called at the Irett Tucker home Sunday.

WRIGHT SCHOOL

Misses Rose Stein and Minnie Wood spent Sunday with Mrs. Geo. Fink.

Bernard Hunter of Lansing spent the week end and Labor day with his mother.

Clyde Webb and Wilbur Wolfe of St. Clair spent the week end at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crist and family of Alma spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Wiley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorland Smith and son and Mr. and Mrs. Farr and son of Port Huron spent the week end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hector Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lamphere and two daughters of Ithaca were callers at Mrs. Webb's, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mohn and two sons spent Sunday near Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Carpenter and baby of Midland County spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Webb and family.

Miss Hattie Parson was a caller in Alma last Thursday.

Mrs. Cohore and children of Owosso visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Courter last week.

Several from this vicinity attended the fair at Ithaca.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely Wolfe and son, Alfred, spent Monday at Crystal Lake.

Mrs. Averill and daughter of St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Fowler of Lansing spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rockfellow and son, James, of Alma spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rockfellow.

SOUTHEAST COE

Rev. Kimberling is in the sanitarium at St. Louis where he is taking treatments. His many friends are hoping a speedy recovery.

Rev. Loomis of Farwell took charge of the morning services at Coe Sunday in the absence of Mr. Kimberling.

Mrs. Morgan Leonard was taken to the hospital in St. Louis last Wednesday and is still in a very bad condition.

Vern Gay is visiting relatives in Pontiac.

Mildred Barnhart was operated on Tuesday in Alma for throat trouble. She is getting along as well as can be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gay, who have been visiting friends and relatives in Detroit and Pontiac, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Maggie Sonley left Saturday morning for Detroit.

Rev. Loomis and wife called at the home of E. G. Fordyce Sunday afternoon.

Clinton Voroman and family are now residents of Coe. They are living in Ella Leonard's house.

Fred Norris and family spent Thursday and Friday at the Gratiot county fair at Ithaca.

The Community Club held its monthly program at the church Friday evening and a very fine program was given. Everyone is invited to these regular meetings.

FOREST HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rearrick and children of Ohio are the guests of Mrs. Rearrick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watts Allen.

Miss Doris Gallagher was the guest of friends at Gilmore the first of the week.

I. A. Kilpatrick made a business trip to Beaverton, Monday.

Master Claire Pembroke of Bay City visited relatives in town last week.

Forest Hill will hold her annual Community Fair Saturday, Sept. 16. There is to be a ball game, horse races, etc. Come and bring your family with you and get acquainted with your neighbor.

Mrs. Lydia VonThurn and daughter Miss Ruth, and Howard and Willard Ake of Alma and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph VonThurn of Oklahoma were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Holton Monday.

A number from here attended the funeral of Michael Packer at the Church of Christ at St. Louis Sunday afternoon. Mr. Packer was an old pioneer resident of Gratiot county.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Owen spent the week end with relatives at Sears. Mrs. Owen's mother, Mrs. Greer, of Vestaburg accompanied them on their trip.

Mrs. E. Dailey attended the home coming at Elm Hill Monday.

TOWN LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Adams and family spent Sunday with friends in Breckenridge.

Miss Freda Church has returned from a visit with relatives at Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shoemaker and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Miser and family near Alma.

Harold Shoemaker of Arcadia spent Sunday with the Whitcraft boys.

Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards entertained company Sunday.

Miss Keha of Saginaw, a graduate of St. Mary's Training School for nurses, who has been caring for Miss Mary Barry, who has been ill with typhoid fever the past two weeks, returned home Saturday. Friends of Miss Barry are glad to know she is convalescing.

ELY DISTRICT

Virgil Dairmple left Saturday for Jackson where his two sisters are living.

Alfred Nestle has commenced making sorghum syrup at his mill.

Herb Campbell was in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Andrews and family visited over Sunday with relatives in Lansing.

A good many from this vicinity attended the fair at Ithaca last week.

Mr. S. Dalrymple enjoyed a visit with his two brothers, Ed from Grand Rapids and Myron from Lake City, a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Oliver of Sumner and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Newman of Alma were Sunday callers at Alfred Nestles.

Allen Hazelton had his radish seed threshed one day last week.

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